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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a camera constituted so that the front surface of a camera main body is made flat when the camera is not used because a lens barrel is smoothly collapsed much more than heretofore.

SOLUTION: This camera is equipped with a photographic lens constituted of a 1st lens group arranged on a subject side and a 2nd lens group arranged on an image forming surface side, a 1st moving means for moving the 1st lens group in an optical axis direction, a 2nd moving means for moving the 2nd lens group in a direction orthogonal to an optical axis, a 2nd detection means for detecting that the 2nd lens group is retreated to a specified position by the 2nd moving means, and a control means for controlling so that the 1st lens group

may be  
retreated to a position on the optical axis where the 2nd lens group  
is  
arranged after the 2nd detection means detects that the 2nd lens  
group is  
retreated.

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